

6639. Adulteration and misbranding of Soluble Hypodermic Tablets Strychnine Nitrate. U. S. * * * v. The Columbus Pharmacal Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$60 and costs. (F. & D. No. 8889. I. S. No. 9227-p.)

On May 23, 1917, the United States attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against The Columbus Pharmacal Co., a corporation, Columbus, Ohio, alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about April 23, 1917, from the State of Ohio into the State of Michigan, of a quantity of an article labeled in part, "Soluble Hypodermic Tablets Strychnine Nitrate 1-40 gr.," which was adulterated and misbranded.

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed the following result:

Strychnine nitrate (grain per tablet)----- 0.01636

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that it was sold as and for soluble hypodermic tablets each containing 1-40 grain of strychnine nitrate, and its strength and purity fell below the professed standard and quality under which it was sold, in that each of said tablets did not contain 1-40 grain of strychnine nitrate, but contained a less amount, to wit, approximately 0.01636 grain of strychnine nitrate in each tablet.

Misbranding of the article was alleged for the reason that the statement, to wit, "Soluble Hypodermic Tablets Strychnine Nitrate 1-40 gr.," borne on the label, regarding the article and the ingredients and substances contained therein, was false and misleading, in that it represented that it contained not less than 1-40 grain of strychnine nitrate in each tablet, whereas, in truth and in fact, it did not, but contained a less amount, to wit, approximately 0.01636 grain of strychnine nitrate in each tablet.

On September 11, 1918, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$60 and costs.

C. F. MARVIN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*